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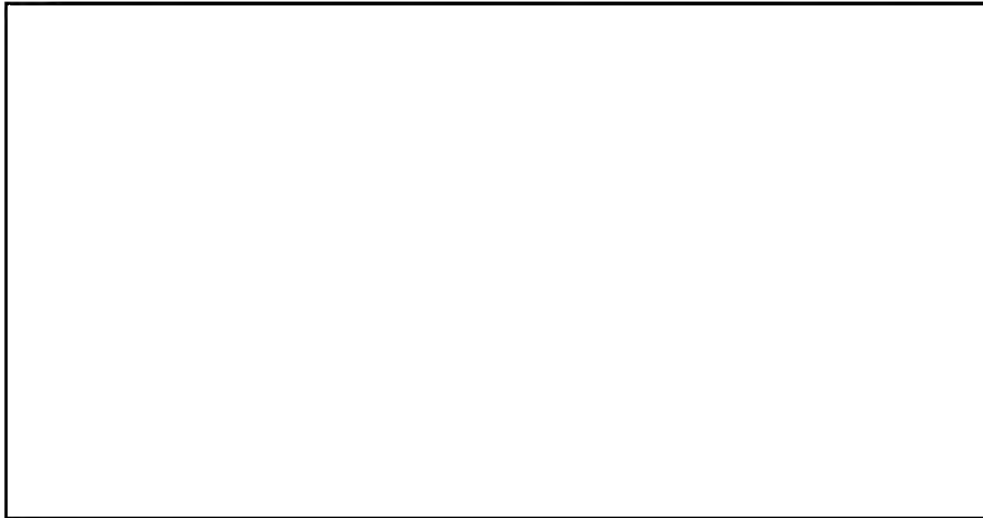
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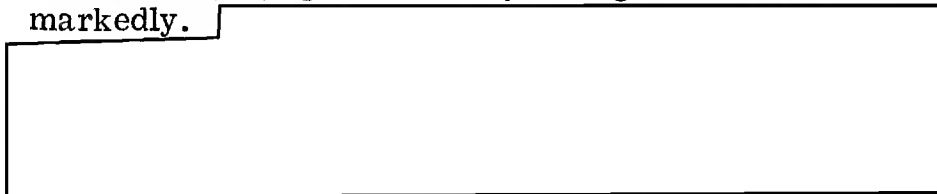
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USSR-Nigeria: The Soviets have taken another step aimed at enlarging the opening they won in Nigeria last summer.



Soviet propaganda activity in Nigeria has increased markedly.



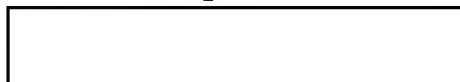
Moreover, the military aid agreement, which gave the Soviets their long-sought entree into Nigeria, has been implemented with considerable dispatch. The delivery of three motor patrol boats on 14 November completed delivery of all known major items ordered under the accord.

The dramatic airlift in mid-August of Soviet military equipment had a strong impact on some Nigerian leaders, though the amount was relatively small. The Soviet ambassador's recent statement about economic assistance has also drawn favorable public comment from several Nigerian Government officials. Nevertheless, Nigerian suspicion of Soviet intentions has by no means evaporated.



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West Germany: Chancellor Kiesinger departs tomorrow on an eight-day trip to Asia, which will include stops in India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.

The tour is being undertaken largely to fulfill long-standing commitments undertaken by the Chancellor's predecessors. Kiesinger can be expected to make the most of the opportunities offered to explain his policy of developing contacts with Eastern Europe and the USSR. He will probably emphasize, however, that such efforts have not softened Bonn's opposition to the recognition of East Germany.

The chancellor is also likely to exchange views on Vietnam, the Middle East, and the draft nonproliferation treaty. Kiesinger is said to be particularly interested in examining Indian reservations on the treaty, especially New Delhi's view that the treaty must be coupled with disarmament measures by the nuclear powers.

The trip will highlight Bonn's growing interest in Asia, including its desire to expand economic contacts with Asian countries. Many are recipients of West German development aid. [REDACTED]

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Greece: Junta leaders are again pressing King Constantine to approve the elevation of strongman Papadopoulos to a deputy prime minister post. The junta argues that this action, long desired by Papadopoulos but opposed by the King and some of the cabinet, would counterbalance the coming appointment of a civilian, Panyiotis Pipinelis, as foreign minister. Constantine will probably give way in the end.

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